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**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: John Bonaguro, Cornell Menking, Craig Cobane, Sherry Reid, Don Swoboda, Blaine Ferrell, Sam Evans, William Tallon, Richard Miller, Ladonna Hunton, Jim Flynn, Sadiq Shah, Mike Dale, Doug McElroy, Bob Cobb, Dennis George, Mike Binder, David Lee, and Richard Bowker.

Guests Present: Gordon Johnson represented Richard Kirchmeyer. Bruce Kessler attended a portion of the meeting.

I. Information/Clarification Items:

A. Administrative Council Update

Robbin Taylor shared with Administrative Council that the Senate position on new taxes are locked in concrete with no changes in taxes. Ann Mead indicated it is anticipated the second year will not be as difficult as the first.

Ann Mead has put forth a new policy on carry forward. Dr. Burch distributed a draft copy for deans to review and asked deans to send any feedback in the next week to her with a copy to Mike Dale and Ladonna Hunton.

B. Digital Measures Update

Digital Measures update will be discussed at a future meeting of the Council of Academic Deans.

C. Date Change – Faculty Awards Reception

Dr. Burch announced the date for the Faculty Awards Reception has been changed to Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 3:00 pm.

D. Handout – American Democracy Project

Dr. Burch distributed information regarding the American Democracy Project. She indicated we have huge resources coming to us that we do not take advantage of.

Dr. Burch plans to invite Felice Nudelman to come and help us get a better idea of what is available for our use.

E. Study – General Education

Dr. Burch indicated she has been talking with Dr. Lee regarding General Education and they concluded the time has come to look at General Education again.

Dr. Lee indicated he has been hearing some comments of dissatisfaction regarding General Education but nothing specific. Dr. Lee and a committee will work through the summer of 2009 to develop a draft proposal. General Education will be discussed campus-wide to develop the draft.

Dr. Burch asked deans to send her names of individuals to serve on the General Education Committee.

II. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Budget Reduction Process

Dr. Burch discussed the budget reduction plan for 2008-2009. She indicated the principles will be guides when looking at reduction. The system will be as transparent as possible and will be posted daily. A meeting of Department Heads, Deans and Directors will be held on February 19, 2008, 4-6 p.m. The web page will be posted following this meeting. The draft was developed by Mike Dale, Dr. Blaine Ferrell, and Dr. David Lee. There was discussion regarding revision of the draft.

B. Definition of a Retiree

Dr William Tallon discussed the definition of a retiree. Dr. Tallon distributed a copy of the current policy which has been approved by Administrative Council. The goal is now to make people aware of the policy and see that it is followed.

There was discussion regarding what a person is called who comes to WKU for less than ten years and then leaves WKU. Dr. Richard Miller suggested a set of criteria be created similar to those of Faculty Emeritus that would allow those leaving to benefit from WKU and WKU to benefit from the “retiree”.

C. Other

Dr. Burch introduced Dr. Craig Cobane and Dr. Cornell Menking and indicated she has invited them to attend the Council of Academic Deans meetings for the next few months to be present for budget discussions.

Dr. Burch announced students from WKU will be attending an SGA rally in Frankfort on February 20, 2008. The students attending participated in training workshops to become familiar with the issues.

Dr. Burch distributed Enrollment Growth Data.

Mr. Mike Dale distributed revised budget cuts for Academic Affairs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

Teresa Jackson